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# 2003 ELECTION CALENDAR

## FOR OFFICES ELECTED IN MAY

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES WILL BE ELECTED IN  
MAY:  
**Alexandria** = City Council Offices and School Board

ELECTION TYPE	ELECTION DATE	<sup>4</sup> DEADLINES (PERIODS) FOR FILING			LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE	DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT
		<sup>2</sup> CANDIDATE DECLARATIONS/ PETITIONS	<sup>2</sup> OTHER CANDIDATE FORMS	<sup>3</sup> PARTY CHAIRS CERTIFY CANDIDATES		
<sup>1</sup> Primary	March 4	December 17, 2002 noon to January 3, 2003 5:00 pm	January 3, 2003 5:00 p.m.	January 8, 2003 5:00 p.m.	February 3 5:00 p.m.	By Mail: February 27 In Person: March 1
PARTY NOMINATIONS, OTHER THAN BY PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY BE MADE NO EARLIER THAN JANUARY 31 AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY 7:00 P.M., MARCH 4.						
<sup>2</sup> General	May 6	INDEPENDENT (NON-PARTY CANDIDATES ONLY)  March 4 7:00 p.m.	ALL CANDIDATES  March 4 7:00 p.m.	March 10 5:00 p.m.	April 7 5:00 p.m.	By Mail: May 1 In Person: May 3

<sup>1</sup>Permitted **ONLY** in cities and towns whose charters do not prohibit partisan elections for council offices. Notification of adoption of primary must be filed with the State Board of Elections by the party chair for the city or county chair for a town whose charter does not prohibit partisan elections, not sooner than **November 14, 2002** nor later than **December 4, 2002**.

**NO PRIMARIES PERMITTED FOR ELECTED SCHOOL BOARDS.** Virginia law requires candidates for this office to file as independents. **NO** political party may nominate any candidate for elected school board. However, a political party may endorse a candidate for this office. Candidates for elected school board **must follow** the General Election schedule.

<sup>2</sup>See candidate bulletin for specifics as to forms required and where to be filed. The bulletin and forms are available on our website: **[WWW.SBE.STATE.VA.US](http://WWW.SBE.STATE.VA.US)**  
**OR** for a \$10.00 prepaid fee, from the State Board of Elections. Make checks payable to the State Board of Elections. VOICE: In the Richmond area, telephone 786-6551. Toll-free: 800-552-9745  
TTY Toll-free 800-260-3466.

<sup>3</sup>Forms for use in certification will be mailed to Party Chairs by State Board of Elections.

<sup>4</sup>For candidates for special elections to fill vacancies, the deadline for all candidates to file all required forms and for political parties to nominate and certify nominees is **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2003**.

**ON ANY ELECTION DAY - WHETHER GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL - THE POLLS ARE REQUIRED TO OPEN AT 6:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**